

Berger Demands Nationalization of \$2,000,000,000 Food Trust

Debs Column

Great Trade War.

Robert S. Thornburg, the Washington correspondent, sent a letter out to the press from the national capitol under date of January 23rd, which bore the Baring headline: "GREAT TRADE WAR IN AMERICA'S PATH: ENGLAND, GERMANY AND CANADA CAST ENVIOUS EYES AT SPREAD OF YANKEE BUSINESS."

The opening paragraph of this letter follows:

"Great Britain, Germany and Canada are mobilizing their commercial resources for a great drive to undermine the position of the United States in the markets of Latin America. With this warning to American Exporters, Doctor Julius Klein of the department of commerce, declared that the United States cannot afford to regard its present success in overseas trade with complacency."

The import of this statement is perfectly clear to all but the stone blind. The same old forces are being marshaled along the same old lines for a trade war that will inevitably culminate in a war of guns and bombs and blood if allowed to reach its logical conclusion.

All these nations are capitalist nations and therefore exploiting nations and therefore robber nations. The economic system which yields to them such an enormous surplus of products is cornered in the plunder of those who produce these products.

These capitalist nations, be it understood, produce exclusively for profit and not a single item for use.

The restrictions placed upon the domestic market by making it impossible for the workers to consume their own products make imperative the quest for foreign markets, and hence the cry for preparedness, for navies with big guns and armies with gas bombs and air ships with deadly shells to conquer and control the world market.

And yet the plutocrats who are the beneficiaries of this robber system would have us believe that they are going to put an end to war through their World Court. They have had their international court for thirty years, holding their sessions regularly, professing to be opposed to war, and what have they accomplished?

Did they prevent the world war?

Will they prevent the next war whose shadow is even now upon the world? No.

These plutocratic imperialists make war on each other for trade and their trade war is the beginning of the war of blood. They will never put an end to war because their system not only breeds war but IS war.

These capitalist imperialists of all nations are once more heading the world straight for war, and if the people do not arouse and take warning, that war will drench with blood and tears with corpses the whole face of the earth.

Men who thrive in war can never be the makers of peace.

These men must be shorn of their power by destroying their system root and branch.

Capitalist imperialism is today the greatest menace to human liberty, to the traditions of democracy, and to civilization itself in all the world.

The workers, who are the chief victims of this system, must take the initiative in the struggle to abolish it. They must organize and train their forces, industrial and political, to strip the capitalist class of their exploiting power by taking over the industries of the nation and having them operate for use and not for profit, and that forever remove the incentive for war and bring peace at last to a shattered, demoralized and distracted world.

Commonwealth College

This "school of self-maintainers, non-propaganda education for workers" is being highly commended by eminent working class educators and is meeting with gratifying success. It is a school founded primarily for the education of workers, and those in charge are of acknowledged standing as educators in labor circles. Labor and labor topics engage the attention of the teachers and the students and fundamental lessons are taught of vital interest to working people. For here there are no political influences to keep the truth about labor and the labor question from being taught as it is in the public schools with their bourgeois trustees and directors.

The Commonwealth College is located at Mena, Arkansas, and full information in regard to it will be furnished on application.

The White Man's Burden.

The evidence that is coming out of Oklahoma in connection with the murderous conspiracy of long standing to rob the ignorant and unsuspecting Osage Indians of their inheritance and of the wealth that has come to them through the discovery of oil on their lands, is shocking and sickening to the last degree.

Here we have another startling and spectacular exhibition of how the white man bears his self-imposed burden of caring for the "inferior" races which are not able to care for themselves.

The white man and his scribes have for centuries, but more especially of recent years, vaunted the "superiority" of the white race and given themselves credit for benevolent guardianship of weaker races and bearing the weighty burdens of civilization. This has been "the white man's burden" until it has become an almost nauseating theme, for as a matter of fact there has been a vast deal of hypocrisy and cold-blooded self-conceit wrapped up in it.

As another matter of fact, the white race has been the most ruthless, selfish and unscrupulous race in history.

Ask any intelligent Indian what he knows about the white man's burden and his tender solicitude for weaker races.

From the hour the white man's foot first touched this continent until the present day his treatment of the Indian natives, his ruthless spoliation of these innocent children of the forest, his lying, duplicity, dishonesty, treachery and downright villainy and baseness constitute a record of shameless deception and betrayal without a parallel in history.

And now in these latter days, in the concluding chapter of this infamous and disgraceful recital, the Osage atrocities in Oklahoma stand out in shocking confirmation of the white man's total depravity in dealing with the weaker races.

Scores of Indians, male and female, have been secretly murdered in one way or another in the land of "white supremacy" to rob them of their lands and their possessions in Oklahoma, and when it could not be done otherwise the "superior" white men, to prove that he was bearing the burden of civilization by caring for the weaker races, married an Indian woman and then had her murdered to obtain possession of her wealth.

The moral of it all is that the White Man's "Burden" is himself, and that surely is some burden.

Recognition of Russia

The attitude of the United States government toward Soviet Russia is becoming more and more ridiculous and is in fact making Uncle Sam the laughing stock of the world.

The utter blindness and stupidity of our state department, to put it mildly as possible, passes understanding.

The trade between the United States and Russia has long since been resumed and is increasing by leaps and bounds without let or hindrance, but the red spectre still fits in the belfry of our secretary of state, and our cool and silent president, but whatever betide, Soviet Russia must not be recognized.

It is just as if a couple of individuals were to do business with each other daily, but one of them would say to the other, "I will deal with you, trade with you, and do business with you right along, but I'll be everlasting-jiggered if I recognize you."

Would not that be a fine specimen for a lunatic asylum?

Well, that is precisely the attitude of the United States government toward the Soviet government of Russia.

Practically all other nations have long since recognized the new Russian government which is as stable, as well established, to say the least, as any government in Europe, notwithstanding the repeated onslaughts made upon it by the combined imperialistic powers. Including the armed forces of the United States.

Never before has the American government concerned itself with the kind of government set up by another nation, and this exception has been made solely because the Soviet government has for the first time in history established the rule of the working class and this of course is a monstrous crime from the point of view of the blood-thirsty imperialists of Wall street.

There is a vital question involved in this matter and every American citizen should ask and insist upon knowing why the United States government can not only recognize but fawn upon the brutal and bloody dictatorships of Mussolini and Horthy and at the same time refuse recognition to the working class government established by Soviet Russia.

Debs Column

Eleven Lines Represented in Executive Body—to Flood Nation With Propaganda

An organization of the main lines of business throughout the United States to combat the trend toward Socialism through the gateway of public ownership is now in process of compilation following a meeting in Washington, D. C., December 10 and

11, 1925, says "Around the Globe," a New York insurance publication.

The article, in part, follows:

"The organization is known as the 'Conference of Government in Industry' and membership is being sought among three classes: trade associations, business and professional organizations, and companies or individuals interested. An executive committee consisting of eleven leading business men in various lines of activity, including insurance, has been elected.

"The meeting in Washington, which Mr. A. Duncan Reid, president of the

Globe Indemnity Company, attended as a representative of the National Association of Casualty and Surety Underwriters and the Bureau of Personal Accident and Health Underwriters, adopted a declaration holding that the proper functions of the government are political and not economic. Abraham Lincoln was quoted in support of this provision: 'In all that the people can individually do as well for themselves, government ought not to interfere.'

"The purpose of the Conference is given as follows: '(a) To disseminate among the people correct information as to the extent, cost and results of governmental enterprises; (b) To urge that in all government operations there be established a recognized and adequate system of cost accounting; and that all existing prohibitions against rewarding labor on merit and efficiency be abandoned; (c) To inform the people that government in business means the establishment of a socialistic state, and the ultimate destruction of all individual opportunity; (d) To oppose every existing or proposed intrusion by government into the proper field of private enterprise.'

Big Business Organizes to Check Public Ownership



Lincoln Foresaw Great Socialist Truths

Abraham Lincoln, greatest of American presidents, possessed in a remarkable degree the quality of pre- vision or insight. It was one of the supreme qualities of his greatness.

Before Socialism became a recognized force or issue, he expressed beliefs that are the basic beliefs of Socialists today.

Before any real struggle for industrial democracy had developed, Abraham Lincoln in his speeches foresaw that struggle and consciously championed the fundamental tenets of industrial democracy.

The Basic Principle

The basic purpose of Socialism or industrial democracy is to do away with all exploitation of labor. To establish a condition wherein every producer shall receive the product of his labor. Whether no person or class shall live from the toil of any other person or class.

On this fundamental principle, this is what Lincoln said in a speech at Cincinnati, Ohio, September 17, 1859:

"I say that, whereas God Almighty has given every man one mouth to feed and a pair of hands adapted to furnish food for the mouth, if anything can be proved by the will of heaven, it is proved by the fact that that mouth is to be fed by those hands without being interfered with by any other man who has also his mouth to be fed and his hands to labor with."

"I hold that if the Almighty had ever made a class of men that should do all the eating and none of the work. He would have made them with mouth only and no hands. And if He had ever made another class—that He intended should do all the work and none of the eating, He would have made them without mouths and with all hands.

"But inasmuch as He has not chosen to make them that way, if anything is proved, it is that those hands and mouths are to be co-operative."

Supremacy of Labor

A fundamental tenet of Socialism is the supremacy of labor over capital, man over things, humanity over the dollar—by the democratic ownership and operation of industry.

Lincoln approached amazingly close to this principle—nearer perhaps than any other outstanding figure of his time—although he did not quite reach it.

The Appeal quotes his well-known declaration on capital and labor, made March 21, 1861, to a committee of New York workingmen in Washington, D. C.:

"Labor is prior to, and independent of capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor and could never have existed, had not labor first existed. Labor is the superior of capital, and deserves much the higher consideration. Capital has its rights which are as worthy of protection as any other rights."

International Labor

Another basic principle of modern Socialism is belief in the necessity of international unity of the workers of all lands in the struggle for the emancipation of labor and humanity.

Abraham Lincoln two generations ago said to this same committee of New York workingmen:

"The strongest bond of human sympathy, outside of the family relation, should be one uniting all working people of all nations, and tongues, and kindred."

But he added: "Nor should this lead to a war on property or the owners of property. Property is the fruit of labor; property is desirable; is a positive good in the world."

It was almost impossible in Lincoln's time and under the circumstances that surrounded his life to get

entirely over to the Socialist idea that there can be no essential antagonism between labor and property when labor becomes the owner of productive property. But Lincoln was close to it in his fine democratic sympathies.

The Function of Government

Socialists hold that the highest function of government is to serve in the hands of the people as a democratic instrument of economic justice and industrial service.

In 1847 Lincoln outlined a speech to be delivered in Congress in which he said:

"Inasmuch as most good things are produced by labor, it follows that all such things of right belong to those whose labor has produced them. But it has so happened in all ages of the world that some have labored, and others have without labor enjoyed a large proportion of the fruits. This is wrong and should not continue. To secure to each laborer the whole product of his labor, is a worthy object of any good government."

The Class Struggle

Like the Socialists of today, Lincoln saw that the basic evil is one class of people living off from the labor of another class; that this is essential slavery in whatever form it occurs and that out of the oppression and resistance it causes has arisen an age-long struggle—called today the class struggle.

In a debate with Douglass Lincoln said:

"The real issue is the right or wrong of slavery. It is the eternal struggle between these two principles—right and wrong—throughout the world.

They are the two principles that have stood face to face since the beginning of time, and will ever continue to struggle. The one is the common right of kings. Slavery is the spirit that says, 'you work and toil and earn bread and I'll eat it.' No matter in what shape it comes, it is the same tyrannical principle."

Political Action

Socialists hold that the exercise of political power by the workers is necessary to protect labor in its struggle and as an instrument for the emancipation of labor.

To the committee of workingmen calling upon him in Washington on March 21, 1861, Lincoln said:

"No men living are more worthy to be trusted than those who toil up from poverty—none less inclined to take or touch that which they have not honestly earned. Let them beware of surrendering a political power which they already possess, and which, if surrendered, will be used to close the door of advancement to such as they, and to fix new disabilities and burdens upon them till all of liberty shall be lost."

At Ohio State University the other day the men students voted 1,090 to 701 in favor of the abolition of compulsory military training. Nothing like the same proportion of students voted even at election for class officers.

The Fellowships of Reconciliation, of Youth for Peace, of International Social Order and the Women's International League at a meeting in Detroit last week voted to organize a movement to take military training out of the schools.

Socialists Start Help for Miners

Big Banks Win

The McFadden bank banking bill, enabling national banks to establish branch banks where they can the more readily compete and destroy the independent banks, has passed the House.

Opponents of the "monopoly system" saw in it another effort to drive out the little bankers, and opposed the measure.

That the measure extends the control the larger financial institutions now have of the credit system may be conceded, but an honest and thorough consideration of the situation as it now exists must convince a person of average intelligence that the credit system of the United States is practically controlled by a few monopolists right now.

The independent bankers, very

much like the small businessmen in other lines of endeavor, love to think of themselves as masters of all they survey. They think that they are working for themselves. They work hard enough, long enough, and strain every one of their resources to the limit of their ability, and feel that they are being rewarded. If not by immediate results, then by the hope that is held out for them of becoming really big bankers in the years that are to come.

But as a matter of fact, the biggest of them is but a pawn on the board which the Wall Street interests manipulate for their own benefit. The thousands of small banks that are wiped out each year bear eloquent testimony of the fact that they exist only by sufferance—that their doors can be sealed whenever the powers behind the throne and on the throne will it so.

Yet the Progressives in the House, possibly sincere, are still trying to hold back the tide of monopoly—as if competition still existed.

Minus An Issue

In the absence of any issue by either Democrats or Republicans, a squabble developed during the past week between the President and Senator Pat Harrison, of Mississippi, who for some reason unknown to anyone except himself has become the leader of the Democrats in the Senate

—that is the political leader—as to who is trying to make an issue. Coolidge charged that the Democrats were getting ready to start the periodical attack on the administration in order to create an issue. Harrison countered with the assertion that Coolidge is thus diverting attention from the issues confronting the people.

No Wrong Can Live Long Under Free Discussion

Washington Letter
By Marx Lewis

As against the futile gesture of Senator LaFollette to have the two billion dollar food trust investigated, which will merely reveal what is pretty generally known to all

Berger Reveals Alien Property Retention as National Theft by U. S.

Moves for Restoration in Compliance With Treaty and Law

A bill providing for the immediate return of property held by the alien property custodian, and for the payment of damages resulting from the seizure of property of German and Austro-Hungarian nationals, introduced in the house by Representative Victor E. Berger, Socialist, Milwaukee.

The bill, Mr. Berger said, is practically the same as the one he introduced at the last session, but upon which the Republican majority refused to take action. The congressmen attacked the present situation with regard to the holding of property of private citizens of the central powers as one of the most shameful in the annals of civilized nations.

An Infamous Theft.

"Never since the Thirty Years War in the 17th century was the looting of private citizens of enemy nations undertaken with such brazenness as was exhibited by this government in its seizure of private property in the recent World War," Mr. Berger said.

"This looting and the consequent failure to right the wrongs perpetrated is the more shameful because it was done in the face of the official declaration of Nov. 14, 1917, when this property was first seized, that 'there was no thought of confiscation of property thus held in trust.'

"It has repeatedly been asserted that the action of this government in these seizures stands no higher than the tactics of a pirate or an embezzler, particularly in view of the existence of the Franklin treaty with

A. F. of L. Against War Dictator Measure

The American Federation of Labor is preparing to launch a fight against the Capper-Johnson military dictator ship, labor conscription bill, says the International News Service.

Says the announcement in part: Hearings on the universal conscription bill backed by the American Legion are scheduled to begin in Congress early in February and already a decidedly warm contest is in prospect.

For the first time the American Federation of Labor and the American Legion will be on opposing sides on an important issue, unless a compromise acceptable to both sides can be evolved prior to the hearings. That seems a remote possibility at best.

The measure as it stands provides for the conscription of Labor and of wealth in time of war or national emergency. It is understood that the friends of the bill are willing to accept an amendment providing for such conscription only in time of actual war, but even this does not make the measure acceptable to Labor.

Convention Records Position.

Labor, as recorded in the Atlantic City convention, urges "alertness

against conscription except during actual defensive war," and it is not at any point on record as favoring conscription of either wealth or Labor in civilian service.

The measure now before Congress provides for conscription of Labor for factory work, and for all civilian work, just as it does for conscription for the army and navy. What the bill provides in essence, is for a military dictatorship which shall have absolute control of every phase of life in war time.

How wealth would be drafted and controlled is not yet explained, and there is a large loophole in the provision that wealth may be conscripted as required for the defense of the Nation, which means, it is said that men would be under an absolute conscription, while wealth could and would be exempted wholesale.

President Green Will Appear.

It is believed that President Green himself will appear before the congressional committee when hearings are held. It is known that high officials of the Legion will participate.

A. H. Eagler sends for a bundle of one hundred for Local Red Bluff, Calif. Geo. Hunter, Greensburg, Pa., and B. F. Burns, Los Angeles want twenty.

Thos. E. Williams, Punxsutawney, Pa. Just can't be kept out. First he orders four and a bundle then one and another bundle, all in one day. He's right back for more every week. Send 'em in as you get 'em, boys. Lose no time.

"Without doubt The American Appeal is the best propaganda paper we have had since the old Appeal to Reason," writes Wm. C. Barous, La Salle, Ill. He wants ammunition, four subs and a bundle.

A. A. Haehn, Baltimore, keeps up a steady fire. He sends another bundle with a list of nine new subs. He wants some help on the firing line and he knows how to get it. C. C. Koller, San Francisco, sends three subs, and orders a bundle for himself. Will order for his local later.

So it goes. We would like to give a word of greeting to each one of the good, faithful comrades of the Army; but the editor insists that he has to say something about the coal strike and a few other subjects, so he won't let us have the whole paper. We could fill it all right with subs, bundles, orders, good wishes and suggestions which come in with every mail. If the army keeps right on as it is going we will have a paper and power ready for any good fight.

Our beloved Gengary who writes the Gengary column in the Appeal has the whole staff working overtime to make a better paper, just on account of a few words of praise telling what the Army scouts around Seattle think of the Appeal. He says:

"Nothing but admiration is heard of the American Appeal. No one has offered any adverse criticisms. That is more than can be said of any other publication that TELLS THE WORLD THAT IT HAS A STORED UP ENERGY FOR A MILLION CIRCULATION."

Now we have got to work like whiteheads to live up to that.

Appeal Army Column

Comrades:

Enclosed please find check for \$20 for twenty new subscribers to the AMERICAN APPEAL. They are all painters. Most of them not members of the Party. My friend Chas. Koenig, Financial Secretary of District Council No. 9, Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers and I solicited them among the members of our Brotherhood. We believe this the most important thing for our comrades to get new readers from among those that are not yet affiliated with the Socialist movement.

We will try to get a few more subscribers for the new "Dicks Bertha."

With best wishes and the hope that the "American Appeal Army" will soon reach the million mark.

I remain,

Fraternally yours,
BRUNO WAGNER,
Business Agent,
District Council No. 9,
E. P. D. & P. of A.
New York.

The Appeal Army starts this week with a salvo of heavy artillery. Good for Comrade Wagner! Come on you union men!

Here! Alfred Baker Lewis, again. This time he orders two bundles of two hundred each. Adam N. Eberly, of Reading, Pa. wants fifteen copies for ten weeks.

John P. Burke, Hudson Falls, N. Y. Stephen Chuck, Power Point, Ohio, H. E. Hillard, New Castle, N. H. Elfrich, Syracuse, Kan., Anton Zornik, Herminie, Pa., all want bundles of fifty.

J. P. Cavanaugh, Whitefish, Mont. Sends fifteen yearlings and can use a bundle besides. "I have a few more in sight," he says, "that are going to take the paper as soon as some more banks close up."

Corn Surplus Smashes Old Party Lines and Principles

Prussia, providing against such condemnation of private property in time of war.

"This treaty between the United States and Prussia, signed in 1783, was absolutely definite and unequivocal. It was Franklin who procured the following clinching statement to the treaty:

Against Old Treaty.

"And it is declared that neither the pretense of war, nor any other pretense whatever, shall be considered as abounding or suspending this and the next preceding article. On the contrary, the state of war is precisely that for which these articles are provided, and during which they are to be sacredly observed."

"Of course, there is the pretext of American damage claims," Mr. Berger added. "But everybody at all familiar with the situation knows that less than 10 per cent of the seized alien property would more than pay any claims that can ever be allowed.

Moreover, it is unprecedented in the history of civilized nations to rob private persons for the purpose of paying other private persons with the proceeds of robbery.

"It is, therefore, entirely in line with our national war policy as 'Associate of the All-Lies'."

In National Theft.

Characterizing this procedure as nothing less than "national theft," Mr. Berger added that "this theft naturally produced further this very."

"What has already been disclosed about the manner in which this property was handled should be sufficient to send several of the alien property custodians to prison for life," he said. "They have disgraced our country."

All the patriots are smoking Missouri meerschaums and eating corn-syrup on their hot waffles as a remedy for the corn surplus. The corn pone has come into its own and the roasting ear graces the tables of the best families.

All of this shows the farmer how much he is beloved by the politician whom he feeds, but it doesn't seem to be enough for the farmer. The defeat of C. E. Bradfute, who brought President Coolidge to speak before the convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation, the election of Samuel H. Thompson who stood against the Coolidge policies, followed by the determined drive for the Buckson Bill is a rebuke to the administration.

The activities of the farmers' organizations indicate that another period of agrarian revolt is dawning. The capitalist papers are reciting that "old agrarian organizations flourished until they advocated such economic heresies as bi-metalism when they declined." Ultimately such movements will have to go beyond the inadequate policies of the past.

Ultimately Socialists must awake to the fact that such agrarian revolts afford the fundamental opportunities to draw the farmers into the Socialist movement. The fact that the present farmer movement centers upon a proposal to use governmental or social initiative in the economic field is the thin edge of a wedge out of which the Socialists may yet forge a battering ram against the capitalist system.



Bernard Berlyn.

Comrade Bernard Berlyn celebrated his eighty-third birthday February 7 at his home in Chicago. He has been in the Labor and Socialist movement since 1876. He was the friend of Ben Hanford, Liebknecht, James Connolly, Kier Hardie and all the pioneers who took part in the early struggles for labor in America and Europe.

There are few of the old guard left but we have letters from some of them who are still working to make the world better for those who come after them. Let us never forget them and, on this occasion, let us include them in the love and reverence of the tribute which we give to Comrade Berlyn.

Stay Long

By Mary O'Reilly

Stay long, dear soul, upon the mountain-top.
Thou standest with the years beneath thy feet
Great-souled and free thou standest, and the snows
Of winter lightly fall upon thy head.
Thou art as young upon this natal-day
As thou wert long ago in early spring
When ilies bloomed and birds came back to sing;
For thou hast still the love of youth and life
Which thou hast kept through all thy ilies of love.

Stay long, that we who tread the rough new road
Through valleys dark, o'er hills and rocky ways,
May see thee standing in the light of faith
And hope.

Ah, give us faith and hope.
Stay long. The snows of winter lightly fall
But in thy heart is never-ending spring.

Greet Comrade Berlyn

The following telegram was received by Barney Berlyn, Chicago, veteran Socialist, from Abraham Cahan and B. C. Vladeck of the Jewish Daily Forward and William M. Feigenbaum, well-known Socialist writer, New York, on the occasion of

Comrade Berlyn's eighty-third birthday:

"Dear Comrade: Warmest and most affectionate congratulations to you upon the historic occasion of your eighty-third birthday. May you live as long as you like and continue to inspire your comrades with your enthusiasm and your devotion."

Lady Warwick Gives Estate to Socialism

The name of this eminent personage again has conspicuous place in the press dispatches. Countess Warwick, one of the most beautiful and aristocratic women in England is, as our readers know, socialist, and this is such a startling thing to the bourgeois world that it has great news value and is therefore given wide publicity.

Lady Warwick has recently given her magnificent estate, Easton Lodge, in Essex, for use as a Socialist University. It was built in 1910, contains thirty bedrooms and many reception rooms and is said to be worth a million dollars. The College will have the purpose of erecting or maintaining one or more hospitals, infirmaries, dispensaries or homes for invalid or aged employees of the corporation, or for producing healthy surroundings for employees."

The Lodge will be remodeled to suit the demands of modern education and as a socialist university it will no doubt become one of the most noteworthy educational institutions in the world.

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If the children cry for bread Mr. Ward can say, in the words of the French princess at the time of the French Revolution, "Why don't they eat cake?" He will control the cake as well as the wheat, flour, bread, meat and fruit of all kinds.

Hundreds Wire Berlyn

Hundreds of telegrams were received by Comrade Bernard Berlyn on the occasion of his eighty-third birthday. This one from Comrade Deb

Two Billion Food Trust Arouses Women of Nation

The organization of the great Two Billion Dollar Food Products Corporation, to be incorporated under the laws of the state of Maryland, is one of the most significant items in the news of the week, to the workers. The moving spirit of the new combine is William B. Ward of the former Ward Baking Co.

"A clause of the charter authorizes the Board of Directors from time to time to make contributions from the surplus or net profit of the corporation for the purpose of erecting or maintaining one or more hospitals, infirmaries, dispensaries or homes for invalid or aged employees of the corporation, or for producing healthy surroundings for employees."

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Women organized in The B. W. wives' League are mobilizing to see that the business of homekeeping is protected. Women are to be educated to the ovens and get busy learning to make the kind of bread mother used to make. They are going to revive nice little gardens on the windowsills which graced their homes in war days. They are to appeal to senators and congressmen to help break the control of the food supply by the great monopoly.

Perhaps they will learn that they have a stronger weapon in their hands than the good old-fashioned round robin. Their voting power would control food monopolies if intelligently used. Women are the purchasing power of modern society. They buy the pearls bought by the profits of great corporations and they buy the food for the tables of the workers and their children. They must realize that if their work, the work of feeding the families of the nation, is to be done in factories they must be ready to do their part in the control of those factories.

Not by warming up their ovens and making kitchen gardens can the women of today "See that the business of housekeeping is protected." Great Food Products Corporations must be socially owned and controlled. This is a political issue of particular importance to women. Labor organizations of men are apt to emphasize wages and forget that if the fixing of prices is to pass out of their hands, wages can never catch up with necessity.

Socialist Party News

If You Want

If you want the propaganda power of the party to be quickly and greatly increased, pay your party-membership dues.

If you want the morale of the movement vastly improved, pay your dues.

If you want to be loyal, pay your dues.

If you have money enough to go to the movie, you can pay your dues.

If you want your state well represented in the National Convention at Pittsburgh in May, pay your dues.

If you intend to go 50-50 with your State Secretary and the National Office, pay your dues.

If you really mean it, pay your dues.

If you are proud and conscientious, you can sleep better when you pay your dues.

Surely you understand the results when comrades stand back, neglecting to pay their dues.

Won't you—pay your dues?

AN OPEN LETTER

My dear Comrade:

Now we can go ahead.

The American Appeal is creating new interest and new confidence and new activity in our movement—unquestionably.

NOW is the time to strike—and strike hard—now while others are hoping, thinking and working for the great thing we are all eager for, the progress and power of the party.

NOW is the time to strike for new party strength, new propaganda power, new friends, new members, new locals.

NOW we have the American Appeal through which to work. Already the paper is greatly increasing the hope, interest, courage and determination of the Socialists throughout the country. A new spirit is in the movement, and it is growing.

If one or more comrades go to work in each of a thousand different communities for new friends, new members and local organizations, we shall each be vastly strengthened by the consciousness that many others are at work at the same time at the same time with the same intention. Undoubtedly this knowledge multiplies our power for effective activity.

As soon as you have this letter, please write the National Office for a supply of a letter prepared for your use. The supply will be sent for your convenience (1) in urging payment of dues and subscriptions to the American Appeal, (2) in securing members-at-large, and also (3) for proposing a meeting for the purpose of organizing or reorganizing a local in your community. If one thousand of you will do this and DO IT NOW, you will be giving the party a mighty boost; you will be making more solid the foundations of the American Appeal; you will be doing your duty; and you will be doing something worthy of the best men and the best women in the world.

IF POSSIBLE, Comrade, let me hear from you—won't you?—right away.

Fraternally yours,
GEORGE R. KIRKPATRICK,
Acting Executive Secretary.

In this morning's mail we have as

The Days That Yet Shall Be

By George Vail Williams.
An splendid picture of the Socialism
will surely reclaim the entire
world. December 6, 1925.

the bitters of old;
the bitter days of old;

the shall sell unto his neighbor,
none shall of his neighbor buy;
in each human labor
the crazy market scramble;
for aye—the bloody shambles;
for victory gold will gamble
the days that yet shall be.

the sons of bitter anguish
will answelome—come to birth;
shall o'er in hunger languish
the mortal bread of earth.

outraged, outraged women sighing,
their babes—with hunger crying,
tear their burdens dying
not darkened days to be.

shall rear the stately palace,
wful home and temple fair;
our halls, of pleasure's chalice,
every lip shall freely share.
the souls—no more brightened—
the chest of fear affrighted,
"learning's lamp" be lighted
the days that yet shall be.

man to rule his fellows
at last be overthrown;
the words of "Lord and Servant"
more shall be unknown;
we will list the name of "Debtor";
we will forge his own a fetter;
we will know "Love's bond" is
better

the ways that yet shall be.

shall bring higher races
in a glad and joyous birth;
forms and fairer faces
that yet were seen on earth.
the world shall love the lover,
shall ever scorn a mother,
shall ever hate his brother
in the days that yet shall be.

every shrine of Superstition
shall be leveled to the dust;
the bloody fane of Error,
—ay—the shrine of Lust
shall then be brighter, clearer;
every human goal be nearer;
man—if grow ever dearer
in the days that yet shall be.

shall rear His Holy Temple
in each throbung human heart;
the dead—ands of error
Flowers of Faith and Hope will
smile.

hat from every soul be riven,
Love Divine to Man be given;
Earth—at last shall be a Heaven
in the days that yet shall be.

the soul—my brothers—
Though we never b-hold the dawn
is enough for us—if others
Place the fruit when we are gone,
not to know that when we're sleep-
ing.

Master—our mem'ry keeping,
We provide a richer reaping
For the sons that yet shall be.

Young People's Department

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The 1927 Convention

Somewhere and sometime about the first of next year the Young People's Socialist League of the United States will hold its third biennial national convention since the reorganization of the League. Judging by the present indications of growth and interest we expect the participation of double the circles and membership ever seen before at our conventions. Due to this sudden expansion in the League's ranks, and in order that we may launch a convention worthy of the larger Y. P. S. L. we must now begin preparations for meeting the increased expense involved. In the past years each circle of the League has arranged some public affairs from which the returns have been donated to the convention fund. This plan has proved the most satisfactory all around, for it avoids a special assessment otherwise made necessary, and makes impossible an unbalanced burden to the circles they are obliged to finance their own delegations. There is no time like the present for making plans. Let's get busy! The Atlantic and Pacific must meet when the next convention opens.

A Blow at Mussolini

Two weeks ago the Socialist Youth International issued an appeal through this column for funds to save a brother organization from an impending disaster. The notorious "black shirt" government has made war on the Italian Socialist Youth organization after its courageous support of the Socialist Party and participation in as well as sponsoring of other activities very obviously opposed to the one-man dictatorship. After the suppression of the national organ, the "Liberta," no practical connecting link remained to keep the entire organization working in liaison. Funds are now required to make communication and reorganization possible. Your help is solicited. The time is short. Make all checks payable to the Young People's Dept. Socialist Party, and mail them to the above address. Contributions now received and those to be received will be acknowledged in a forthcoming issue.

WITH THE CIRCLES.

Rockland, Me., Circle. Although only organized less than a month the Rockland circle is already the life of the party branch. A new color has been added to all activities, and the circle is growing strong. A first public entertainment is now being arranged, an affair being looked forward to by the comrades of that section of the state.

Fitchburg, Mass., Circle. On the 13th of February the Fitchburg circle is presenting a full evening, three-act comedy entitled "The Prince of Liars." This is the first time in the history of the circle that the dramatic club has tackled as large a job, having in the past devoted its activities to one and two-act presentations. This particular branch of the circle has a record of nearly a score of successful productions during the past three years, and has a group continually at work. Some valuable propaganda work has been accomplished through this medium.

Los Angeles, Cal. Word from the west again. The old "Duba Circle" is buckling right down to some serious work. They're just bound to have that state organized before summer. Another circle is already under way.

New York City Juniors. The Juniors of New York are determined to beat out the Seniors, and the way they are going at it threatens to be the truth. The younger Yipels have gained the support and hearty co-operation of the party locals who are striving to develop this important branch of our educational work. Comrade John H. Diskant, 770 E. 178th St., New York City, is the present educational director. There are now over 200 Juniors in New York, divided into eight circles.

Our social system is a gambling house where men bet their lives and fortunes. No man ever won wealth with two hands, because if one has only two hands he must do the work of many hands. The much rottenness is near the surface, there will have to be a concerted effort to keep it from bursting out.

The rich are rich because the poor are given to them.

The lowly feet, always trampled upon, lift us as we rise.

Most great names are moulded of blood and mud.

What you like to do is almost done. It is not an argument.

The Kind Old World.

Walking from Newark, N. J., to New York and return as penniless wayfarer, Harry W. Butz, had up once every 118 miles. In every three holdup men gave him money of their own when they learned of his circumstances. One of every 50 motorists accosted gave him a lift. Twelve bootleggers offered him employment. Lying by the roadside, and it injured only one car in 60 expected to offer help.

Where True Culture is Found.
In the Labor party one meets more cultured persons than in any other group in England. Many of them are self-educated, but their education is deeper and broader than one can find elsewhere.—Lady Cynthia Mosley, of England.

The Hope of the World.

Our nation probably will be saved, for a few years at least, by the young men who cannot go to college or a university... A master of arts or a doctor of philosophy is now a boy whose parents have enough money to keep him in college until the professors are tired of looking at him.—Dr. J. B. Finley, University of California.

Women's Department
Josephine Conger

An advertisement in a well-known journal, which costs the advertisers several thousands of dollars, has this heading: "The Duchess de Blankcheck tells how to keep the skin exquisitely soft and lovely."

The reason the advertisers of this particular cosmetic are willing to pay thousands of dollars for a full page insertion of their ad is one of the most expensive of journals is because every woman wants "exquisitely soft and lovely skin."

Soft and lovely skin, we are told, will insure for us love and fame, and maybe riches. Naturally we want soft and lovely skin. For what is life without love, fame, and maybe riches?

Therefore, we read the advertisements about how to "keep the skin exquisitely soft and lovely" all through, even to the Free Offer Coupon down in the right hand corner. It happens to be Saturday night, so when we go out to buy the roast and the vegetables for Sunday's dinner, we stop in the drug store on the way home and get ourselves a jar of that unequalled beauty preservative.

Being Saturday night, we take a little time, after we have bathed the kiddies and put them to bed, and prepared the things for tomorrow's dinner, and laid out the linen for the family, and swept up the bath room and the kitchen, and darned a suddenly-discovered hole or two in a sock, and attended to other small and sundry items, we take a little time, as has been said, and, repairing to the recesses of our own particular dressing room, or table, or even to the family bureau, we sit down, tired, but hopeful, and carefully strain our eyes over the small-type directions on how to keep our skin lovely.

Of course, there is the handicap of not having a lovely skin to begin with. But we know that back in the dim and distant past, somewhere in our lives, we did have at least a fairly decent skin, and we hope by this aid which we have just purchased, to restore it. So we follow the directions as best we can. And we go to bed looking like one of the Pharaohs who has just been prepared for his long sleep.

All day Sunday, between those spurts of activity which seem necessary to keep the average family going during this day of rest, we review the results of last night's work before the mirror. Oh, for the first faint signs of that loveliness to beautify themselves! Not much, if anything, can be noticed as yet. But restoring a lovely skin takes time. We shall wait, ever so patiently, and continue in the good work of putting on applications each night.

Then comes Monday. It is wash day. Breakfast to get, children to hurry off to school, then the hands plunged into the soap-soaked clothes. Rubbing, wringing, hanging out. Wiping up floors. Supper to get and dishes to wash.

Tuesday there is the ironing. Grasping the handle of a hot iron all day is scarcely conducive to soft and lovely hands. Standing on one's feet over the ironing board makes the face red and the nerves tingle with weariness.

Wednesday is "redding up" and general cleaning day; Friday has its special demands, and Saturday means baking.

What of the skin, exquisitely soft and lovely, which we went out so valiantly to buy at the drug store the previous Saturday night?

For the majority of us women isn't it just like the things they tell us about the vast wealth of this nation?

"All you have got to do" tell the great producing class, "is to work diligently, save your money, catch opportunity by the forelock, (which means a 'good' investment), and you will be rich. Look at John D. Rockefeller, look at Carnegie, look at Schwab—look at all of 'em.' They got rich, so can you." If you work hard enough... and save... And make a wise investment.

It's just like that about telling us women we can all be beautiful. Have beautiful skins, beautiful teeth, beautiful hair. All of us, working eight, ten, twelve hours a day, six and seven days a week. Washing, scrubbing, cooking, jumping on street cars, hurrying to factories, to offices, to shops; the grime and the dust of the city; the strain and wear on the nerves; too little rest, too little comfort, too little repose.

Beauty? When the working class "gets rich," its women will have beautiful skins, which they can keep soft and lovely.

And the working class will get rich only when it sets its mind to that great venture.

The American Appeal is the voice of the working class throughout America. Every working woman who understands her needs will work for the wider distribution of this paper.

The Filling Station

LINCOLN PHIFER

Joe, the Filling Station Serv. has been on the "go" all the time lately. "Business is picking up already," he told the Kansan who stopped for gas. "Before summer it will be simply sizzling."

"How much more will it mean to you?" the Kansan asked.

"Oh, our salaries are not raised when sales grow brisk," Joe was like so many others, he called his stipend a "salary" because it sounded big.

"Rather, your wages are being lowered," answered the Kansan.

"None," Joe replied. "My bosses pay pretty well."

"Food prices are going up. Every time there is an increase in prices of things you use, it is the same thing as the lowering of your wages. It is a strike you can't get you so you can't strike back."

Joe scratched his head. He had been reading the American Appeal and saw the point. But he brightened. "Well, prices can't advance much more."

"They can't help but advance more. There is a new merging period on. This means the issuing of new stocks and bonds by the millions. Profits and interest must be paid on this new indebtedness placed upon the people without their consent or knowledge. This means a raise in prices all along the line, and the managers of industry can't help themselves. Even should they be Socialists they will have to help in the conspiracy or lose their jobs. But this isn't the only way in which you are tied up."

"For heaven's sake, what else?"

"The masters themselves are helpless entangled. Unless there are profits and returns with which to pay interest, the whole capitalist system must collapse. But the money loaned out must inevitably come back to the banks, and if it is not put out again, the banking system will break. If it is put out, that means more losses, more interest for the people to pay, and still higher prices and lower wages. It is a wheel that turns unavoidably toward an abyss. There is an old story of the Frankenstein, a mechanical man, which in the end got out of control and destroyed the master and itself. The system modern business has created will not only destroy the workers and the government and civilization itself, but in the end will be the undoing of the beneficiaries of the system. That is, unless—

"Unless what?"

The Kansan pulled from his pocket an American Appeal and handed it to Joe.

Joe grinned.

"I am not as slow as you think," he said. "I get that paper every week. And isn't it a crackerjack?"

The Baa and the Bray—A Fable

"I am terribly frightened," said the Lamb.

"No wonder," replied the Jackass. "You have neither tooth, claw nor heels, and your 'Baa' is weak and trembling. So they eat you. They don't eat me. I can kick."

And the Jackass wriggled his ears in great pride of his independence.

"Giddup," cried the Farmer. And the Jackass did "giddup."

He, too, was a slave, for with all his kicking he could only Bray.

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The new legislature is the chamber of commerce. The new president is a director.

The esteemed Kiwanis seem to forget the truth of the pointed old hymn of the workers: "How the hell can I work when there's no work to do?"

"Be cheerful," say the fakirs, "and all will be well."

The Capitalist Press has nothing at all to say about the many thousands who are out of employment during this era of unexampled good times."

These authors are fine instructors.

Sinclair Lewis told the preachers of Kansas City, who are out to raise ten million dollars to endow a religious university, "You need God a damned sight more than you need money."

Poison gas is being manufactured, and fascists are being organized in America in preparation for popular indignation against the graft of the last ten years. It is the masters who are traitors and threaten the very existence of the Republic.

Chauncey Depew nominates for 1928 Calvin Coolidge and Al Smith. "Whom Plutocracy had joined together let no worker put asunder."

The consensus of opinion seems to be that prohibition is fine for the slaves, but it does not interfere with the debauchery of the masters.

In spite of many conferences, of repression and even of murder on the part of the masters, Socialism continues to be about two laps ahead in the race for world supremacy.

"Oh, certainly," replied the Fakir affably. "Only, I have declared a matador and will pay you next week. And of course I shall have to charge you interest for the money I let you have."

"That is the way the banks do," he added.

If the people are put further in debt they will be blown up. And if the profiteers can't lend your money to you again, on interest, they will be blown up. This is the eminently practical system for which you vote, you suckers.

Just as Woodrow Wilson predicted, the Republican party was forced to accept the League of Nations, even though they dragged the country in by the back door. It is evident that Woodrow understood the power of plutocracy.

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The world wide propaganda against "representative government" and "parliamentarianism" is preparatory toward a bloody revolution in the interest of dictatorship of the rich—here as in Europe.

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Amazing Story of Mussolini Plot to Extend Fascist Empire Over Europe

Is it possible that President Coolidge and Andrew Mellon and Senator Smoot and the 257 Republican and Democratic Congressmen do not understand what every radical, liberal and progressive in the world knows—the sinister purposes and the international character of Fascism?

If they do NOT understand, they are not fit to be entrusted with the affairs of government. If they DO understand, America is indeed in a sad plight with enemies and potential wreckers of democracy at the helm.

Startling facts behind the thirty billion franc counterfeiting plot in Hungary and the abdication of Prince Carol of Rumania, are revealed in an article in *The Nation* by Emery Deri, correspondent in several European capitals for Budapest newspapers.

These events were developments out of one of the most gigantic empire-building plots of modern times ramifying through the decadent aristocracy and big business régimes of central and southeastern Europe and centering in Mussolini.

Had this plot succeeded, Mussolini's projected "Roman Empire" of allied Fascist states would have been established on the ruins of overthrown governments. Democracy would have been wiped out and the working class completely enslaved over a new large area. An armed international power threatening the peace and liberty of the whole world would have raised its pockets of American taxpayers.

An International Fascist Plot

my Emery Deri in The Nation.

About two months ago Benito Mussolini announced the foundation of a new Roman empire as the next step on the conquering road of Fascism. This speech, containing the threatening remark that "two million Italians are ready to march," produced marked nervousness in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, which suspected some mysterious political scheme lurking behind Mussolini's rhetorical phrases. Not more than two months passed before sensational events in Rumania, Hungary and Bavaria began to indicate the outlines of Signor Mussolini's gigantic scheme of a second Roman empire. The arrest of well-known Fascist leaders in Rumania, the measures taken by the Government, and the statements of such Nationalist leaders as Julius Maniu that the sudden resignation of Crown Prince Carol was connected with a well-prepared Fascist plot, which the Bratianu Government

was able to obstruct. At the same time the investigation of the counterfeiting conspiracy in Hungary brought to light the plans for an immediate Fascist revolution in that country. The German newspapers' exposure of the complicity of Bavarian Fascist leaders in the counterfeiting affair in Hungary throws light on the close connection between the Fascist revolutions planned in Hungary, Rumania and Bavaria. The details of a sensational scheme are coming to light—a scheme of starting Fascist revolutions simultaneously in those three states, seizing the power by a coup d'état, lifting Carol to the throne of St. Stephen. A second visit of Albrecht to Monsee and a second meeting with Rupprecht, however, drew public attention to his movements. A Vienna newspaper reported that an agreement between Albrecht and Rupprecht had been reached: both were to seize power and become kings, but Albrecht was not to aspire to the Austrian throne; it was agreed that a part of Austria should go to Bavaria. The report was ridiculed everywhere in Central Europe. But the earnest Berliner Tazettat saw danger in the conspiratorial spirit prevalent in Bavaria,

Former Kaiser Consulted

The history of the movement dates back to the early summer, when the Hungarian Archduke Albrecht visited the ex-Kaiser at Doorn. This young, blond, and rather insignificant Hapsburg harbored secret claims to the

Hungarian throne, which, however, were not taken seriously in Hungary either by the Legitimists or by the so-called Free Electors. Albrecht had no party in Hungary and no support abroad. His only strength was his mother, the Archduchess Isabella, an extremely clever old lady, who understood how to make friends and how to organize secret movements in the interest of her son. The visit to Doorn was made under the pretext that Albrecht, having been the guest of a Prince Salm in the Rhineeland, wished to pay his respects to William II. A few days later several well-informed Bavarian newspapers reported a meeting between Archduke Albrecht and Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, who was in Monsee at the time. Archduke Albrecht, on his way to Rome with his mother, stopped in Monsee, where they were guests of Prince Rupprecht. In August they were in Rome. The pretext of this sojourn was to appear before the Pope. Italian newspapers, however, did not mention the young Hapsburg's audiences with the Holy Father; but, on the other hand, his frequent visits to the Quirinal stirred much comment. Mussolini's press mentioned with satisfaction that the young Archduke came to Rome to study Fascism. Rumors began to circulate in the Hungarian and Austrian press that Albrecht would marry a daughter of the King of Italy, the younger sister of Princess Mafalda.

Centers Around Mussolini

Archduke Albrecht remained for several weeks in Rome, spending much time with Signor Mussolini. No one in Hungary suspected at that time that Albrecht would soon appear in Budapest as pretender to the throne of St. Stephen. A second visit of Albrecht to Monsee and a second meeting with Rupprecht, however, drew public attention to his movements. A Vienna newspaper reported that an agreement between Albrecht and Rupprecht had been reached: both were to seize power and become kings, but Albrecht was not to aspire to the Austrian throne; it was agreed that a part of Austria should go to Bavaria. The report was ridiculed everywhere in Central Europe. But the earnest Berliner Tazettat saw danger in the conspiratorial spirit prevalent in Bavaria,

and remarked upon the apparent activity in reactionary circles. As to young Albrecht, he continued his journeying. He spent a few days officially in Bucharest. Fascist leaders, such as Professor Cuza, paid visits to him and, as was only natural, he also saw Crown Prince Carol. Strange enough, the press of Central Europe paid no attention to this incongruous visit. Not until months afterward, when the resignation of Prince Carol started the world, did the Paris press suddenly remember that early in the fall Archduke Albrecht had seen Prince Carol in Bucharest, and link this mysterious visit with the resignation of the Rumanian Crown Prince. These journeys of Archduke Albrecht, these secret or even open meetings were the first steps toward Fascist organization throughout Central and Eastern Europe. Fascism was organized already under different names in all three countries. In Rumania they called themselves Nationalists; in Hungary, Awakening Magyars; in Bavaria, Hakenkreuzler. The only thing that remained to do was to merge the various groups into one powerful organization. The merger was affected on a cold business basis in a perfectly business-like manner.

Fascism Unmasks

From October on things took a sudden and startling turn everywhere. Archduke Albrecht appeared in Budapest and started an open propaganda in the interest of his aspirations for the throne, avowing openly his Fascist sympathies. Suddenly this young Hapsburg, who had had no party and no backing, marshaled behind him all the reactionary organizations. Two newspapers supported him, he was elected president of the powerful League of Social Organizations, and Bishop Rassay greeted him after his election with the words: "Art thou he who was about to come?" While before there were Awakening Magyars and Knights of the Double Cross in Hungary, all organizations now assumed the name "Fascists." The newspapers were full of stories about Albrecht. The Fascists openly claimed the support of Mussolini. Political murderers fled to Italy and there enjoyed the protection of the Fascists. One of them, a man named Knut, perpetrator of a bomb at

tempt, was bold enough to send a telegram to a Fascist paper in Budapest, saying that he was in safety and under the protection of the Milan Fascio. Colonel Buday, sent by the Albrechtists to Vienna to place propaganda in the Austrian press, made this statement in the *Abend* printed on November 28:

"In a short time Albrecht will be King of Hungary. Fascism is spreading rapidly. Archduke Albrecht, when he was in Rome, came to a complete agreement with Mussolini, who is supporting him. It is agreed that the Archduke will marry the younger sister of Princess Mafalda, so strengthening the future alliance with Italy.

A New International

The liberal newspapers in Hungary were furious about this open declaration of a militant Fascism and demanded an explanation from the Archduke. But Albrecht remained silent. He allows his supporters to speak. And they did speak, in fact, Tibor Eckhardt, a Fascist leader, delivered a speech in Parliament saying: "Yes, we declare openly that we want a Fascist dictatorship, that we admire Mussolini, and we are certain of his support when the hour of action strikes."

At the same time, for some mysterious reason, in spite of the violent opposition of the left parties, the Hungarian Government decorated Mussolini with the highest Hungarian order.

Then suddenly strange news came from Rumania. Professor Cuza, on his way to Italy, stopped in Budapest and the Hungarian Fascists gave a banquet in his honor. It seemed almost incomprehensible. The Hungarian Fascists, notorious haters of Rumania, who had preached the necessity of a war against the country, had shouted for "revanche" and killed hundreds of people charged with being Rumanian army spies—these same men suddenly declared that an amicable understanding was necessary with the Rumanian Nationalists, their most bitter enemies. It is, indeed, a strange sight to see the opponents of yesterday embracing each other in the names of Fascism and Mussolini.

Fascist Revolution Ready

As if taking new strength from the march of events in Hungary and Ru-

Plot Nipped in Bud

This was the state of affairs in Central Europe when Crown Prince Carol's startling abdication became known. The Rumanian Government instituted a severe censorship, but the significant news leaked out and Rumanian newspapers reached the capitals of foreign countries. Simultaneously with the resignation of Carol, Professor Cuza, Mussolini's Fascist leader, was arrested, the Government giving no reason for his arrest. Arrests of other Fascist leaders followed.

At a meeting of the Council

Julius Maniu, leader of the Nationalists (Fascists), demanded that Prince Carol be solemnly asked to revoke his resignation. Nicholas Iorga and Alexander Volodja implored the King to ask the Crown Prince to provoke a grave crisis and to revoke his abdication, but the King interrupted the speakers and said

"No! It is resolved. Nothing more is done." These details were published by Rumanian newspapers and the censorship was subsequently imposed.

The Fascist plot in Rumania was nipped in the bud. The exposure of the counterfeiting plot was a death blow to the Putsch preparations of the Hungarian Fascists.

The Hungarian movement, of course, is not yet dead, but alone it will not suffice to anything. The plotters of the international Fascist uprising have fled. Where to? To Italy, of course. Carol is in Milan, Count Csaky, former Hungarian Minister of War, has gone to Italy. Emery von Nagyváry, chief of the Budapest police, was on his way to Milan when he was arrested. French detectives, searching for the counterfeiting plotters, went to Milan. It is reported to be full of German, Hungarian and Rumanian Fascist leaders who are wanted by the police. Perhaps they have regular meetings to discuss further possibilities for the formation of the new Roman empire by way of putative conspiracies, murders, revolutions, and wars. For the time being their plans have been thwarted. But Fascism has shown that it is not merely a political creed but an international danger, and while Mussolini is in power in Italy peace cannot succeed in the era of hatred, and war is Europe.

Mussolini War Threat Raises Grave Questions On League and World Court

In America going to war or peace

TIMS OF THEIR AGGRESSION, WE'RE NOT PERMITTED TO ARM, UNTIL THEY WERE CONQUERED.

International capitalism, now getting ready to function, if possible as a unit, through the League of Nations and the World Court, does so because of the imminent danger of its being bankrupt and wrecked by nationalistic wars and RESULTING REVOLUTIONS.

ANY NATIONAL WAR NOW IS LIKELY TO TERMINATE IN A SOCIAL REVOLUTION.

As much as capitalist nations are drawn into a deadly competition for the sources of raw material and markets for their surpluses, they are beginning to fear the deadly menace of war more than anything else.

The League of Nations is an inevitable development for this stage of capitalism. IT IS POLITICAL CAPITALISM PROTECTING ITSELF AGAINST DEADLY COMPETITION BY TRUSTIFYING. JUST AS THE MONOPOLY IS ECONOMIC CAPITALISM PROTECTING ITSELF FROM DEADLY INDUSTRIAL COMPETITION.

Such a World League and Court can masquerade under the forms of democracy while with its international army and navy it polices the

world and preserves a Roman peace, or it can function as a fascia military dictatorship.

IT WILL DO THE FORMER IF IT FEELS IT CAN DO SO AND STILL PRESERVE THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM. IT WILL DO THE LATTER IF IT FEELS THAT IT MUST, IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM.

It is too class-conscious not to understand the value of the Mussolini form of capitalist rule. FASCISM IS THE GUN BEHIND CAPITALIST RULE. IT IS THE LAST BRUTAL RESORT OF DECADENCE AND DYING CAPITALISM.

WHATEVER DISCHILINING IS ADMINISTERED TO THIS INTERNATIONAL DESPERADO, THIS GUN OF FASCISM WILL NOT BE THROWN AWAY.

Unless the workers speedily gain control of a few more governments like Denmark, Sweden, Queensland, New South Wales and Russia, THE BALANCE MAY BE TIPPED AGAINST THEM FOR SOME TIME BY INTERNATIONAL CAPITALISM—EITHER MASQUERADE UNDER DEMOCRATIC FORMS, BUT PREVENTING ANY CHANGE THAT WOULD BENEFIT THE WORKERS OR RULING IN BRUTAL, MILITARY, FASCIST FORM.

help liberty throughout the world has come to under the rule of Morgan and his lackeys.

New Socialist Party Braves Dictatorship

A committee for the reorganization of the Socialist Party of Italy following the dissolution of the former party by the Fascist dictatorship has sent out a call signed by leading Italian Socialists. The new party will be known as "the Socialist Party of the Italian Workers." In spite of an obnoxious Fascist law subverting non-Fascist parties to the arbitrary control of the police, those heroic Italian workers have set out to form the frame work of a political organization which will abide its opportunity as it carries on its educational and organization work.

Crushes Co-operatives

The independent co-operative movement in Italy has been crushed to earth under the tyrant's heels, despite the energetic protests of both European and American labor and social bodies. Mussolini's overwhelming ambition to allow not one organization in all Italy but bows to his will has resulted already in the destruction of independent trade unions, workers' political parties and both producers' and consumers' co-operatives. The credit union movement is the next on his prescribed list.

Helping the enemies of the liberties we profess to cherish has become a favorite practice with the administrations, Republican and Democratic, of the last few years. Czarism in Russia, Fascism in Italy, the crushing of every effort of the Mexican people to regain their lost heritage, the gendarmes of the world—that is what the great Republic created to

The Big Issue

This is an anti-Fascist page. The Appeal is making this a page on Fascism to bring out strongly and emphatically the fact that FASCISM—MILITARIZED CAPITALISM—is the chief danger that threatens the labor movement in Italy.

Before the rise of Mussolini the labor unions of Italy had a membership of 2,000,000. The political party of the workers was the most powerful party in Italy. The co-operative movement was advanced to the stage where unions were buying railroads and great industries and undertaking great drainage projects.

After several years of Fascist violence and terrorism, combined with a control of jobs adverse to the bona-fide trade unionists, the membership of these unions has been reduced to 1,000,000. Of the 2,000,000 members that have been forced out of the unions, about 100,000 have joined the so-called Fascist labor unions.

Some have asserted that Fascism is built up by the double use of intimidation and the offer of protected jobs and steady work, while they make it increasingly difficult for the loyal trade-unionists to get jobs. It is feared that in this way the Fascist-controlled labor organizations will become so powerful that it will be impossible for any Italian worker to get a job unless he belongs to a Fascist organization.

This, of course, would mean the total disappearance of any independent labor movement in Italy, the annihilation of all labor ideals and the suppression of all opportunity for labor to think or act for itself.

If this system triumphs completely it will mean a job trust, controlled not by labor, but by capital. It will mean that all Italian workers will have to belong or starve, and that after they are in they will be as completely owned mentally and physically by the great corporations as the chattel slave was owned by his personal master.

This ought to serve as a warning to the workers in this country. The world has come to a parting of the ways where the choice must be made between full-fledged industrial democracy, or a system something like the one that is being imposed on the United States.

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To Rob Anti-Fascists

ROME, Jan. 25.—The senate today accepted a bill providing for the seizure of property of political emigrants guilty of acts against the Fascist government. The bill will become a law with the signature of the king Thursday and will take effect immediately.

Fascist Slavery

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Fascism to Rob Cradle for War

ROME—The Italian government, through a new law creating the national institution—"Balilla"—will endeavor to prepare the new generation so that it will be worthy to take over the Fascist inheritance. The law, worked out by Premier Mussolini's right hand man, Sig. Federzoni, will

be presented to the chamber of deputies next week.

The law, in conjunction with measures to safeguard mother and infant, will provide for the training of the young through their adolescence and will be ready to enter the more advanced Fascist organizations. At the ages of 8 to 18 the lad will be under the "Balilla," which will give them moral and physical training to foster their patriotism.

After graduation from the "Balilla" the boys will undergo preliminary military training to prepare them for the Fascist army.

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